

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS.

A Red Letter Day For the Young Grateful Little Hearts.

DEAR OLD ST. NICHOLAS TALES.

Encourage Gift Shaping and Making Among Children—Their Relations to the Poor—Use no Switch on Christmas—Childhood's Days Will Soon be Over.

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Christmas is *par excellence* the children's feast. If any one doubts it, he has only to compare the holiday in a home where there are no children with the celebration where there is even one olive branch. The more of these the merrier. One of the times when there can hardly be too big a quiverful is at holiday time—that is to say, so far as enjoyment is concerned. On the financial side of the question opinions may differ.

Yet, properly trained children are usually unobtrusive little creatures, who have as keen enjoyment in cheap playthings and inexpensive gifts as in the costly productions of the French or German toy-maker.

MANY WONDERFUL TALES. The wise parents, knowing how quickly the time of beautiful child-faith must pass, cherish all the sweet baby beliefs as long as they can. They tell wonderful tales of Santa Claus, or Kris Kringle, or St. Nicholas—the beneficent Christmas saint is the same under any alias—they repeat and teach the blessed ballad of "The Night before Christmas," they rise to the dignity of a state ceremony the business of hanging up stockings, and in a general way make the most of the sweet, merry mystery surrounding the great holiday.

There are some people who depreciate the teachings concerning dear old Santa Claus, and say that when a child learns that the saint is a myth he loses a portion of his faith in his parents' truthfulness and in their instructions concerning other and more sacred mysteries. The objection seems of little force. If the story of the Christmas saint is told, as are the tales of fairies, gnomes, and other sprites, the child's serious faith is seldom shaken by the gradual awakening to the perception that the beloved Santa Claus is only another myth, a parable, like that of Jack Frost, who paints the colored leaves of autumn with a touch of his chilly finger, and locks the lakes and streams by a blast of his icy breath.

It is not wise for the father and mother who tell the Santa Claus fiction to insist upon its truthfulness as the manger, but they will readily learn to grade the emphasis they place upon either story.

TEACH CHILDREN BENEVOLENCE. Children are defrauded of their share in the best lesson of Christmas if they are not encouraged in making gifts. The end in view is not gained when the elders purchase gifts to be made in the name of the little ones. The childish givers have then none of the joy of planning their presents, the pleasure of winning appreciation by their thought for others.

Some time before Christmas it should be suggested to the children that they lay aside part of their weekly pocket-money toward the purchase of gifts. This plan should not be enforced against a child's own wishes, but its advantages should be pointed out, and stress laid upon the blessedness of giving. The children are usually the souls of generosity, bless them and willing to impoverish themselves for the sake of others.

But saving is not all that should be taught. Even very young fingers may be trained to shape gifts, and the mother or father will cherish the tiny book-mark or pin-cushion or mat, worked in curious stitches unknown in South Kensington, more tenderly than the costly gifts that do not represent the labor of small hands.

Do not deprive the children of the delight of being your almoners in your gifts to the poor. They will never forget the lessons of benevolence they learn at this age, and for the rest of their lives they will be unwilling to deny themselves the blessedness of giving.

SWEET LOVE RECOLLECTIONS. The joy of Christmas should never be clouded by any bitter associations in the minds of the children. Never let a switch find its way into the Christmas stockings. The punishment of such a mortification and disappointment may seem merited in the eyes of the mother. It would not could she for a moment enter into the feelings in the depth of the childish heart wounded by the cruel rebuke. There is no fault—I say it advisedly—worthy of so bitter a penalty.

On Christmas, "the sweet of the year" to the little ones, let there be no shadow of pain, of rebuke, or sorrow that the elders can by any effort spare to the young hearts.

OUR SLUMBERING DABLINGS.

Christmas Garlands for the "Windowless Palaces of Rest."—Remembering Departed Kindred and Friends.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life." If ever the loved and the lost of the home should be remembered, it is on the Christmas day. There must be of necessity some sadness in the recollection, but it is a soft, sweet sorrow, one would not willingly let go. The memory of those who have gone before comes back to us accompanied with the words, "Lord, keep my memory green."

With the preparation of gifts for the living beloved ones comes the desire to do something to make beautiful the last homes of those who have "crossed the bar." Judgment as well as affection should be shown in choosing such decorations. Flowers, beautiful as they are, seem out of place in a spot where they must freeze within a short time. More appropriate are emblems made almost entirely of green—the color of hope.

There is a large choice among these. The star and the anchor are especially fitting at this time, and a wreath, a crown or a cross may also be used. There is no lack of choice in the materials from which these may be made. Laurel, pine, running cedar, and most beautiful of all, holly, are all admirable for the purpose. Mingled with the green may be a few white immortelles. The gaily dyed ones so frequently seen on funeral wreaths are, like all artificial things, in wretched taste at such a place. The simpler the decorations of the "God's acre" the better.

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THE GERRYMANDER.

More Suggestions Showing the Injustice of the Democratic Reapportionment. To the Editor of the Intelligencer.

Sir:—In looking at the INTELLIGENCER of December 15th it will be seen that the number of delegates in the legislature, found by dividing the population of the various counties by the ratio of representation, is 47. Two counties by this process of division, have 4 each; 6 counties have 2 each; and 27 counties have one each. Now, as 71 is the number of delegates which the legislature allotted to the state in 1891, there are still 24 to be assigned.

Let us, for the sake of argument, not assign delegates to these counties which have less than the required ratio (10,343), and more than three-fifths (6,206) of this ratio, and arrange a table of excesses (we will call it), and see what the result would be. Here is the table arranged in the order of excess. We state also whether the county has representation, and what that representation is.

| Representation. | Excess. |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Third Delegate District..... | 10,355 |
| Payette..... | 10,199 |
| Preston..... | 10,112 |
| Clatsop..... | 9,746 |
| Rainier..... | 9,597 |
| Walla..... | 9,411 |
| Nicholas..... | 9,301 |
| Pendleton..... | 9,211 |
| Jackson..... | 8,768 |
| Fourth Delegate District..... | 8,413 |
| Boyer..... | 8,359 |
| Colburn..... | 8,165 |
| Wayne..... | 8,109 |
| Wood..... | 7,925 |
| Goodwin..... | 7,821 |
| Possession..... | 7,739 |
| McDowell..... | 7,700 |
| Hardy..... | 7,667 |
| Boone..... | 7,653 |
| Possession..... | 6,814 |
| Grant..... | 6,802 |
| Morgan..... | 6,714 |
| Brooks..... | 6,620 |
| Wetzel..... | 6,498 |
| Tucker..... | 6,459 |
| Hancock..... | 6,414 |
| Ritchie..... | 6,278 |
| Wyoming..... | 6,217 |
| Mercer..... | 6,159 |
| Lewis (see 4th Delegate Dist.)..... | 5,552 |
| Bradley (see 4th Delegate Dist.)..... | 5,302 |
| Jefferson..... | 5,210 |
| Roano..... | 4,350 |
| Putnam..... | 3,999 |
| Buckley (see 4th Delegate Dist.)..... | 3,859 |
| Camell..... | 2,190 |
| Summers..... | 2,174 |
| Upshur..... | 2,159 |
| Garburter..... | 2,157 |
| Mason..... | 2,086 |
| Monroe..... | 1,849 |
| Hodderidge..... | 1,841 |
| Taylor..... | 1,831 |
| Mineral..... | 1,742 |
| Tyler..... | 1,619 |
| Kanebwa..... | 1,551 |
| Randolph..... | 1,290 |
| Harrison..... | 1,238 |
| Hampshire..... | 1,078 |
| Lincoln..... | 948 |
| Marshall..... | 47 |
| Marion..... | 25 |

Clay and Webster having been assigned to delegate districts, do not appear in the table. We will first assign delegates to the first 24 counties in order, and then, if there are counties having no representation they can be arranged into delegate districts, and necessary changes made accordingly.

Beginning with the delegate district composed of Lewis and Webster, and assigning one delegate each to the 23 following counties, we have Wetzel as the last county in the list, which gains a delegate, with Tucker, Hancock and Wyoming unrepresented.

Now, properly speaking, both Tucker and Ritchie should have delegates assigned as both of these counties have more than the required three-fifths of the ratio, but passing this we add (in the legislature of '91) Tucker to Randolph, thereby forming a district with two representatives. It might have been added to Grant without injustice being done to Wetzel, as we will see later, and there would have been no increase in the delegation. Hancock is of necessity joined to Brooke, and Wyoming to McDowell, without, in either case increasing the representation. By adding Tucker to Randolph we have one more representative than necessary, and the only proper thing to do under the circumstances is to go back and take one delegate from Wetzel, the lowest county on the list. But why all the "shenanigans?" Why not follow the plain precepts of the constitution?

It will, however, be seen that by this mode of assigning delegates the Republicans are the gainers; we have no caution but for justice.

OCCASIONAL.

Murdered by Burglars. CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Frederick Austin, of 3514 Prairie avenue, was mortally wounded at an early hour this morning by two burglars. Mr. Austin was entering his house at that hour when he noticed two men prowling around one of the side windows. He drew his revolver and asked the men what they wanted. One of the men fired a shot, which did not hit Mr. Austin, and the latter returned the fire. Several shots were exchanged, one of which struck Mr. Austin in the stomach. He fell to the sidewalk and while lying prostrate he emptied his revolver at the men. It is thought that one of them was wounded, for a trail of blood in the snow marked the course by which they escaped.

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A CONFERENCE.

Between Cleveland and Vilas on the Senatorial Situation.

New York, Dec. 19.—The World says: Ex-Secretary of the Interior and present Senator William F. Vilas, of Wisconsin, slipped over from Washington early Saturday evening without waiting to engage a room at any hotel. He went at once to the Cleveland residence. There he found, beside the President-elect, ex-Postmaster General Don M. Dickinson and ex-Mayor William R. Grace. Mr. Grace had been dining with Mr. Cleveland. Mr. Vilas had not seen the President-elect since the November triumph, and his first words were naturally congratulatory. Mr. Cleveland had promised to go to the Century club and listen to Park E. Goodwin's eulogy on the late George William Curtis. He invited Senator Vilas to accompany him. This the senator declined, saying he would come to the house again later.

Mr. Cleveland and General Dickinson went to the Central Club, and after hearing Mr. Goodwin returned to the President-elect's residence. Senator Vilas was there and so was ex-Secretary William C. Whitney. The four men talked until a late hour. The conference was resumed yesterday morning, and ended in the afternoon just in time for General Dickinson and Senator Vilas to catch the 3:20 Pennsylvania train for Washington. The few politicians who knew of the meeting speculated that it was to discuss the senatorial situation, not only as to the state legislatures in dispute, but in the Badger state as well.

The senator was delighted to tell Mr. Cleveland that the Wisconsin legislature was safely Democratic and that Senator Sawyer's successor would be in sympathy with the next administration. It is understood that the names of several possibilities who are discussed, among them those of Gen. Bragg, Congressman Mitchell and others. Mr. Vilas said that advice received from California, Wyoming and Montana were very encouraging and there were good reasons for hope that not a single Republican senator could be elected from those states.

During the chat a reference is said to have been made to the report that Senator Hill had been offered the secretaryship of state. Mr. Cleveland is reported to have remarked simply "nonsense."

After the departure of his visitors the President-elect received a few personal friends.

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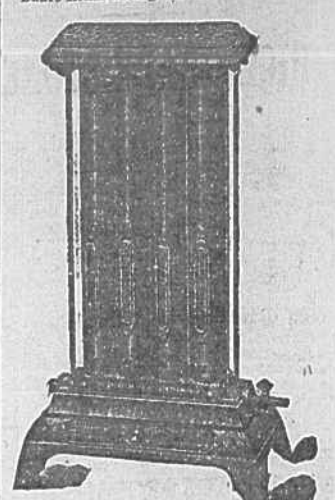
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